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Description: ff. ii + 24 + vi - 16th-17th centuries. Resewn on three vegetable fiber supports. Rounded spine. Covered in black/brown sheepskin over wooden boards with corner tongues. Blind-tooled with five line fillets forming diamonds. There are traces of four bosses on each board and two clasp-and-catch fastenings, the catches on the lower board. Fastenings and bosses are wanting. Concentric circles are scratched in the center of the lower board. Rebacked. - Purchased from the William Schab Gallery in 1948 by H.P. Kraus. Acquired from Kraus in 1955 by Thomas E. Marston, who presented it to the Beinecke Library in 1965. - Shailor, B. Catalogue of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, MS 328.

Notes: -Manuscript on paper (watermarks buried in gutter) of Gregorio (or Leonardo?) Dati, La Sfera. This rhyming treatise (ottava rima) is divided into two parts: 1) a treatise on astronomy; 2) rules for navigation and the determination of the position of the sea.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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Language: Italian *Country:* Italy *Century:* 15th

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Part 1:

Description: - paper - 274 x 198 (ca. 130 x 90) mm.

Country: Italy

Region: Italy

Assigned Date: [between 1450 and 1500]

Dated by scribe: No

Document: No

Script: Written by one person in neat mercantile script.

Cardinal point:

City:

Searchable Date Range: 1450 - 1500

Inscribed Date:

Number of Scribes:

Notes: One 4-line initial, f. Ir., gold capital with white-vine foliage against a blue, pink and green ground, connected to a 3/4 white-vine border with brown penwork and gold dots; a coat of arms in wreath at center of lower margin. Two 3-line initials, ff. 7r and 14v, gold, against pink and green grounds with yellow and white filigree. Folios 1r-14v illustrated in margins with astronomical and geographical diagrams, all of them circular, tinted drawings in brown pen with red, yellow, blue and green washes. Folios 15r-24v decorated with unframed maps and illustrations drawn in brown pen, and tinted green, brown and red. Most illustrations unlabeled. Some leaves repaired; the manuscript shows signs of heavy use. Binding: 16th-17th centuries. Resewn on three vegetable fiber supports. Rounded spine. Covered in black/brown sheepskin over wooden boards with corner tongues. Blind-tooled with five line fillets forming diamonds. There are traces of four bosses on each board and two clasp-and-catch fastenings, the catches on the lower board. Fastenings and bosses are wanting. Concentric circles are scratched in the center of the lower board. Rebacked.

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1:

Author: Dati, Gregorio 1362-1436.

Title: La Sfera.

Subjects: Dati, Gregorio, 1362-1436.; Astronomy, Medieval.; Italian poetry--15th century.; Illumination of books and manuscripts, Medieval.; Manuscripts, Medieval--Connecticut--New Haven.; Early maps.; Navigation--Early works to 1800.;

Language(s): Italian